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1. THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO QUESTIONS RAISED REFTTEL CONCERNING SITUATION IN GOROM-GOROM AND SURROUNDING AREAS. BELIEVE OUAGA 1725 WHICH CROSSED WITH STATE 182959 MAY HAVE SHED ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON SITUATION.

2. LATEST REPORT FROM GOROM-GOROM RECEIVED AUG 22 WAS THA TRUCKS COULD PASS ENTIRE ROUTE FROM OUAGA TO DORI AND ON TO GOROM. BAD SPOTS STILL EXIST AT YALGHO, TOUGOURI AND PISSILA. WATER FLOWING OVER RADIER (PAVED FORDS) SLOWS DOWN BUT DOES NOT CURTAIL TRAFFIC: ENTIRE TRIP FROM OUAGA TO GOROM-GOROM NOW TAKES ELEVEN HOURS.

3. SAVE-THE-CHILDREN DOCTOR PARENT IS NOW IN GOROM-GOROM AND HAS OPENED MAKESHIFT CLINIC. AT PRESENT, HE IS SEEING UPWARDS OF 50 CHILDREN AND MOTHERS A DAY. DR. PARENT REPORTS MEDICAL STOCKS ARE SUFFICIENT AT PRESENT TIME. RED CROSS DROUGHT COORDINATOR IS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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NORTH TO SEE IF ADDITIONAL BLANKETS AND/OR TENTS ARE

NEEDED. STOCKS OF CEREALS, I.E. SORGHUM AND CORN,
IN GOROM ARE STILL VERY LOW BUT OPENING UP ROAD

SHOULD ALLEVIATE SITUATION. WE ARE CHECKING ON THIS.
THERE IS MILK AND CSM AVAILABLE.

4. DR. KENNETH ELLIOTT, AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEER PHY-
SICIAN, HAS SET UP MESH HOSPITAL IN DJIBO AND IS PRO-
VIDING HEALTH CARE FOR SURROUNDING REGION.GRAHAM

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